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# XAVIER UNIVERSITY IS ON REMOTE LEARNING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

Xavier students and faculty are doing classes remotely since 3/16/20 due to the coronavirus containment situation.

## NO ACHE CONGRESS DURING March 23-25, 2020 WAS CANCELLED

MHSA students and faculty were ready to attend the annual ACHE Congress on Administration in Chicago during the week of March 23-25, 2020 but due to the coronavirus concerns, Congress was cancelled. Not only did cancelling improve safety by not holding a large public gathering, but also the very persons who attend Congress - healthcare executives – could remain in their communities to navigate through coronavirus details. This cancellation meant that our XUGPHSA Alumni Association could not hold its reception on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the HighLine in Chicago. Special thanks to Alumni Association President **Flo Buendia** '92M and to the two in-Chicago coordinators of the event, **Matt Waskerwitz** '10M and **Ryan West** '11M, for their plans and involvement with this event for XUGPHSA.

## **BSHSA STUDENT'S RESEARCH TO BE FEATURED**

Congratulations to **Michael Mercado** '20M who will have not one but two presentations accepted by the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) international conference in Orlando FL in May 2020.

The titles of his presentations are:

"Geographic Variation in Treatment Admissions for Opioid Use Disorder in Cincinnati Compared to the USA" "Disparities in Treatment Admissions for Opioid Use Disorder in Cincinnati by Race"

Michael has been working with **Dr. Peter Mallow** MS-HECOR Program Director in learning how to conduct outcomes research using large data and advanced analytical techniques. The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office has provided funding for this research and Michael's presentation.

### **MISSION & IDENTITY'S WOMEN'S IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP SALON**

Xavier's Center for Mission & Identity coordinated a Women's Ignatian Leadership Salon in honor of International Women's Day on March 8, 2020. This year's international theme was, "I Am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights". Xavier participants were invited to celebrate women in the worldwide Jesuit network of schools, parishes and ministries by answering the question, "What does it mean to you, as a woman, to be part of a Jesuit institution?" **Judy Janzen**, BSHSA administrative assistant, and **Dr. Eileen Alexander**, HSA faculty member, participated.

### **PREPARING TO LAUNCH EMHSA ONLINE IN AUGUST 2020**

The initially termed "Part-Time MHSA Program" that was in place for years gave way to the better termed "Executive MHSA Program" and now an entirely new mode of delivery is about to launch. While our full-time MHSA program will remain an in-seat program, the Executive program is transitioning to a fully online program starting in August 2020 in order to better meet the needs of our executive students who have healthcare employment. The website for this gives more information: <a href="http://www.xavier.edu/emhsa">www.xavier.edu/emhsa</a> Special thanks to **Dr. France Weaver**, our Associate Director for EMHSA Online, who is handling the myriad of details to bring this familiar program to online delivery.

### FACULTY CONGRATULATIONS

HSA congratulates two of our faculty members for their advancement within Xavier's rank and tenure system. **Dr. Eileen Alexander** has been granted tenure by the university and is now an Associate Professor. **Dr. Pete Mallow** received an exemplary mid-tenure review, meaning that he is halfway to the goal of achieving tenure. The tenure designation is reviewed by the university following six years as an assistant professor who has excellent teaching, scholarship, and service to the University.

### Men and Women for Others: Thinkers, Inspirers, and Leaders in Health Services Administration

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